

THE CAUSES OF THE STRIKE.

COMPANY'S SIDE.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 25.—(Associated Press.)—The Port of Philadelphia today issued a statement giving a complete history of the strike and the causes which led up to it. It opens with a recital of the refusal of Port Richmond employees to move certain carloads of merchandise consigned to the Philadelphia Grain Company because the latter did not employ union men. Thereupon an order was issued to have the cars moved and if the men still refused

The men were discharged. Five crews having refused to obey the order and were discharged. The union then called a strike. The I.A.T. ordered all employees on strike. They demanded a reinstatement of the discharged men. They were informed that the company would not accept the demands. The places were filled with other men. The men's names were stricken from the pay roll. They, having secured no return to work.

No complaint was ever made of unjust treatment. The men were discharged without explanation. The 3,500 men left the service of the company and the same number of new men were engaged, who will be paid as high as the men in the service.

The company declares it has no objection to the men being discharged, and will not permit of ostracism, beatings or other such treatment. The men, whether they does or does not affiliate with the union.

And Simpson expected in that he would render faithful service, and so during the war he was retained. The trouble on the railroad was not over until the summer of 1897. He then returns to the miners' trouble, and signing with the signing of the agreement in 1897, he was again retained. He was retained from 1897 to Jan. 1, 1899, at which time it terminated. The agreement specified that if the other companies advanced \$250,000 in advance he was to be retained for a period equal to that of the other companies, but if no advance be granted by Jan. 1, then he was to return to the rates paid up to Sept. 1.

The company lived up to its contract at Jan. 1, and on Dec. 30 the men resigned. He intended to go after Jan. 1. To this answer was returned that the company had lived up to their part of the contract and that he was to return to the rates paid up Jan. 1, which would mean a return to the old rate, inasmuch as the other companies

The men, however, refused to work and struck for two reasons—for the reinstatement of the discharged railroad men and the renewal of the 8 per cent. advance. The railroad question cannot enter into the miners' troubles, as it is forever settled; but on the wages question the company is willing to pay as high wages as any other

But miners pay higher than their competitors, as would be practically drive them out of business. The \$2.50 basis is regarded as a liberal one for the miners.

For the past two years the miners have received an average of \$1.50 a ton, and ending Jan. 1, 1920, the basis was 4, 1-2 cents. This company has mined 31,000,000 tons of coal; paid for it to the miners \$57,110.00, and has received, as the net proceeds for the coal so mined only \$44,810.000, making an actual loss to the mining of its coal of \$12,370,000 during that period. In other words, we have distributed throughout the country 31,000,000 tons of coal, the miners have received over a dollar of net money we obtained for it, and

we lost in the operation \$12,500,000) wanted and during all these twelve years the stockholders of the railroad company which transported this coal, who have paid \$10,000,000 of money for this stock, have not received 1 cent by way of dividends and they have just been called upon, with portion of the junior securities to pay in by way of arrangements, \$12,500,000 of free money to make good the losses of the corporation.

In view of all these facts President Go bin holds that this is not the time to

READING, Pa., Jan. 11.—A train of nine cars of furnace coal arrived from the Western regions to night, and the coal will be transferred to the furnaces, which are in urgent need of it.

A juvenile temple was instituted on the evening of the 30th instant at the residence of its superintendent, Miss Julia E. Martin, No. 524 Seventh street southeast, under the name of "Washington Juvenile Temple No. 3." Miss A. T. Thompson and Miss Jennie Murray have been appointed Miss Martin's assistants. A large number of bright and happy children were present who entered with enthusiasm upon the pleasant path of total abstinence from

toxicating drinks, tobacco, and profanity. Grand Superintendent Russell was present and assisted in the preliminary organization. Master Willie F. Pierce was appointed chief templeer. The temple was opened at the same place next Friday, and began with a jubilee installation in which eight men were initiated. In the evening, a ladies social was given by the Eastern Louisiana State Temple. Mrs. Edna L. Bishop, superintendent, had a large meeting in Wilmot Hall, Eighth and I street northeast, Saturday evening. One member was initiated after which a ve-

pleasant intermission was had. Among the visitors present were Miss Martin, superintendent; Miss McKim, treasurer; Master Willie F. Pierce, chief temple, at Sisters Pumphrey, members of Washington Juvenile Temple. In the good of the order exercises a piano solo was rendered by Mamie Bishop; recitations were given by Emma Bell, Nellie Bishop, Daisy Pumphrey, Willie Powell, and Rudy Weibken; remarks by Grand Chief Russell. Supt. Miss Martin, Chief Temple, will

F. Pierce, and singing by the entire band. Star of Hope (Susanne) Temple, has been unusually pleasant this season yesterday afternoon. Mr. Oliver, chief of camp, presiding. Among adult honorary members at visitors present were Mrs. Bollinger, Mr. Spencer, Mrs. Money, Miss Rule, Mr. Emma Conklin, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pa. Superintendent George Bollinger, and Pa. Grand Chief Temporal Kalstrom. The treasurer elect, Miss Ella Brown, was installed by Grand Superintendent Russell. M. Johnson, superintendent, announced

several committees appointed for the quarter. The good of the order exercises, Lu Mekim chairman, presented the following: Recitations by Edith Perkins, Brother Gerham, of Minneapolis Lodge; Ella Price, Blanche Conklin, Laura Elker, a duet; the Misses Chamberlain and Heart, and remarks by Brother Kalstrom and the grand superintendent.

The Turkish Rug Auction.
Today opens the exhibition of 600 eastern rugs, carpets, porcelains, embroideries, silks, etc., at Duncan's auction rooms, corner Ninth and B streets.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia—Slowly rising temperature, fair weather, followed by strong winds becoming light to fresh easterly.

Thermometer readings: 7 a. m., 19.0°; 8 a. m., 17.0°; 10 p. m., 18.0°; mean temperature, 15.0°; maximum, 26.0°; minimum, 9.0°; mean relative humidity, 61.0°; total precipitation, .00 inches.
